

NIFA / Purdue & CoA / Purdue Extension*

NIFA

NIFA Critical Issues*



The screenshot shows a dropdown menu titled "NIFA Critical Issues" with a question mark icon. The menu is open, displaying seven options:

- 1 Climate Change, Natural Resources and the Environment, and Sustainable Energy
- 2 Workforce Development
- 3 Positive Youth Development and 4-H Opportunities
- 4 Big Data, Internet of Things, Broadband Access, Digital Literacy, Inclusion, and Innovation
- 5 Human, Family, and Community Health
- 6 Food Production, Security, and Safety
- 7 Urban Agriculture and Urban Extension

- Select one NIFA Critical Issue that best fits the **primary** activity of the program.
- NIFA Critical Issues are used to document Purdue Extension's two annual reports: 1) Plan of Work (POW), and 2) Annual Accomplishments Report, submitted to NIFA on April 1 each year.
- To help you select a NIFA Critical Issues, descriptions and examples are posted here: <https://puext.in/NIFA-Critical-Issues>

NIFA Extension / Research*

Extension/Research * ⓘ

- In-state Extension
- In-state Research
- Integrated Research & Extension
- Multistate Extension
- Multistate Research
- Multistate Integrated Research & Extension
- International Extension and/or Research

- Select one option that describes the event. Here are descriptions for these terms:
 - **Extension** refers to education or activities in the community.
 - **Research** refers to studies or projects.
 - **In-state** = Indiana. Any Extension efforts located in Indiana.
 - **Integrated** = Combined efforts for Extension faculty and staff working together in extension and research
 - We are required to report to NIFA our Extension (education) and Research (studies) efforts. Also, NIFA is looking to see that our events bring extension and research together – this is labelled “integrated.” For example, an integrated event would be when Educators and Researchers collaborate on an activity where the latest research is shared with attendees or participants. Or, when Researchers coordinate with Educators to arrange on-farm research studies, leading to new knowledge that is shared with the farmers.
 - For Integrated Extension and Research, a researcher **MUST** be with Extension **OR** working on a USDA-funded project. Remember: NIFA expects that Educators and researchers collaborate. NIFA funds both education and research and is looking to see that those of working in those two areas don’t exist in our own silos but work together to provide events.

If multistate, indicate states ⓘ

- All
- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado

- **Multistate** = other states than Indiana. If you indicate multistate, then select all state(s) involved.
 - We are required to report to NIFA about multistate efforts. Multistate refers to situations where Purdue Extension personnel collaborate with Extension personnel from other states to provide education events or research opportunities. It does NOT refer to attendees of the event.
 - If you use a research article from another Extension service to help with your program, that is NOT integrated or multistate, as these terms refer specifically to working with other Extension professionals.

Purdue University & College of Agriculture

- Purdue and College of Agriculture current strategic plans address many initiatives, issues and priorities. This section is used to document activities toward the Purdue and College of Ag strategic plans.
- Resources:
 - Purdue Next Moves = <https://puext.in/PurdueNextMoves>
 - CoA 21-26 = <https://puext.in/AgStratPlan>
 - Purdue Extension DEI Plan = <https://puext.in/ExtDEI>

Key Initiatives*

Key Initiatives (Select all that apply) *

- None
- Address big data/digital agriculture
- Include STEM education throughout life
- Involve innovative, multidisciplinary educational programming
- Involve international Extension

- Are any of these key initiatives part of the program being reported?
- If yes, select all that apply.
- If no, choose none.

Current Issues*

Current Issues (Select all that apply)*

- None
- Community and economic development
- Food safety
- Invasive species and diseases
- Mental health
- Modern multidisciplinary farm decision-making
- Opioid addiction
- Production efficiency and sustainability

- Are any of these current issues addressed in the program being reported?
- If yes, select all that apply.
- Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the list so you don't miss any of the current issues.
- If no, choose none.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Priorities*

- Are any of these DEI priorities addressed in the program being reported?
- If yes, select all that apply.
- Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the list so you don't miss any of the DEI priorities.
- If no, choose none.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Priorities (Select all that apply)*

- None
- Deliver need-based and constituency-focused Extension programs, in partnership with diverse populations addressing contemporary societal issues.
- Educate new and current employees to advance their knowledge of the subject matter of their interest and corresponding skills for delivery methods.
- Expand the diversification of audiences, programming and

Commercialization Priorities*

- Are any of these commercialization priorities part of the program being reported?
- If yes, select all that apply.

- If no, choose none.

Commercialization Priorities*

None

Move discoveries into startup companies

Move things into the marketplace.

Support clients/participants in building new businesses.

Support convergence center and accelerator activities.

Train and provide resources for new or aspiring entrepreneurs.

Purdue Extension

Primary Program Area Theme*

- Select one theme from Extension's program areas (4-H, ANR, CD, HHS)

Primary Program Area Theme*

4-H Adult Volunteer Development

4-H Civic Engagement

4-H College & Career Readiness / Workforce Development

4-H General

4-H Healthy Living

4-H Leadership

4-H Science / STEM

ANR Animal Science/Livestock

ANR Diversified Food & Farming Systems

ANR Farm & Agribusiness Management

ANR Field Crops

ANR Food & Farm Safety/Security

ANR Horticulture

ANR Natural Resources & Land Use

CD - NCRCD

CD - PCRD

CD Community & Organizational Planning

CD Economic & Business Development

CD Leadership & Civic Engagement

CD Local Government Education
CD Quality Places
HHS Financial Resource Management
HHS Foods & Nutrition
HHS Health & Wellness
HHS Human Development

Secondary / Related Program Area Theme (Limit 2)

- **ONLY IF** the program is multifaceted and addresses more than one theme, select a secondary theme.
- **DO NOT** put the same theme as primary and secondary.
- Leave secondary theme blank if this does not apply.

Purdue Extension Goals (Limit 2)*

- CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES
 1. Strengthening families
 2. Building effective parenting skills
 3. Supporting career preparation
 4. Promoting healthy living
 5. Enhancing positive life skills
- COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES
 6. Strengthening workforce, business, and economic development
 7. Expanding agriculture-related opportunities
 8. Fostering responsible land use and conservation of resources
 9. Creating quality communities
 10. Increasing civic participation and local government education
- Details on these goals can be found here: <https://puext.in/ExtGOALS>

Purdue Extension Goal(s) - Limit 2 ^{*} ⓘ

- None
- Building Effective Parenting Skills
- Creating Quality Communities
- Enhancing Positive Life Skills
- Expanding Agriculture-Related Opportunities
- Fostering Responsible Land Use and Conservation of Resources
- Increasing Civic Participation and Local Government Education

- Select one or two goals that apply.
- Choose NONE if the activity does not address an Extension goal.

Save

Cancel Save Save + Add Another

- Click on the “SAVE” button at the top right of screen.
- Click on “SAVE + Add Another” if you have another ready to report now.